

REMARKS


Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-20 and 24 are currently pending in the present application.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-5, 7-11, 13 and 15-20. Claims 14 and 24 stand rejected. With entry of this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 14 and 24 without prejudice.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels that it would advance the prosecution of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 393032027920.

Respectfully submitted,



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